

# Saint Patrick's Church

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## Parish Staff

Rev. Gerard Power, O.Carm., Pastor  
(Director in Canada, Society of the Little Flower)  
Rev. Marc Bell, O.Carm., Associate Pastor  
Rev. Mr. David Scott, Deacon  
Debbie Herman, Secretary  
Alice Corfield, Bookkeeper Secretary  
Brian Kneller, Caretaker

## Music Ministry

Carol Martin - Director of Music  
Sandra DiCienzo - Organist  
Tim Marrie - Pianist and Soloist  
Anthony Scaringi - Pianist and Organist  
Ashley Gallardi-Pietrangelo - Soloist

## Office Hours:

Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. - 12:00, 12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Closed on Weekends & Holidays

## Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

## Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.

## Reconciliation

Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
or by appointment

## Baptism

Once monthly at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday  
Preparation for Parents  
and Godparents required.

## Marriage

Please contact the parish office  
at least six months in advance.  
Preparation weekend is required.

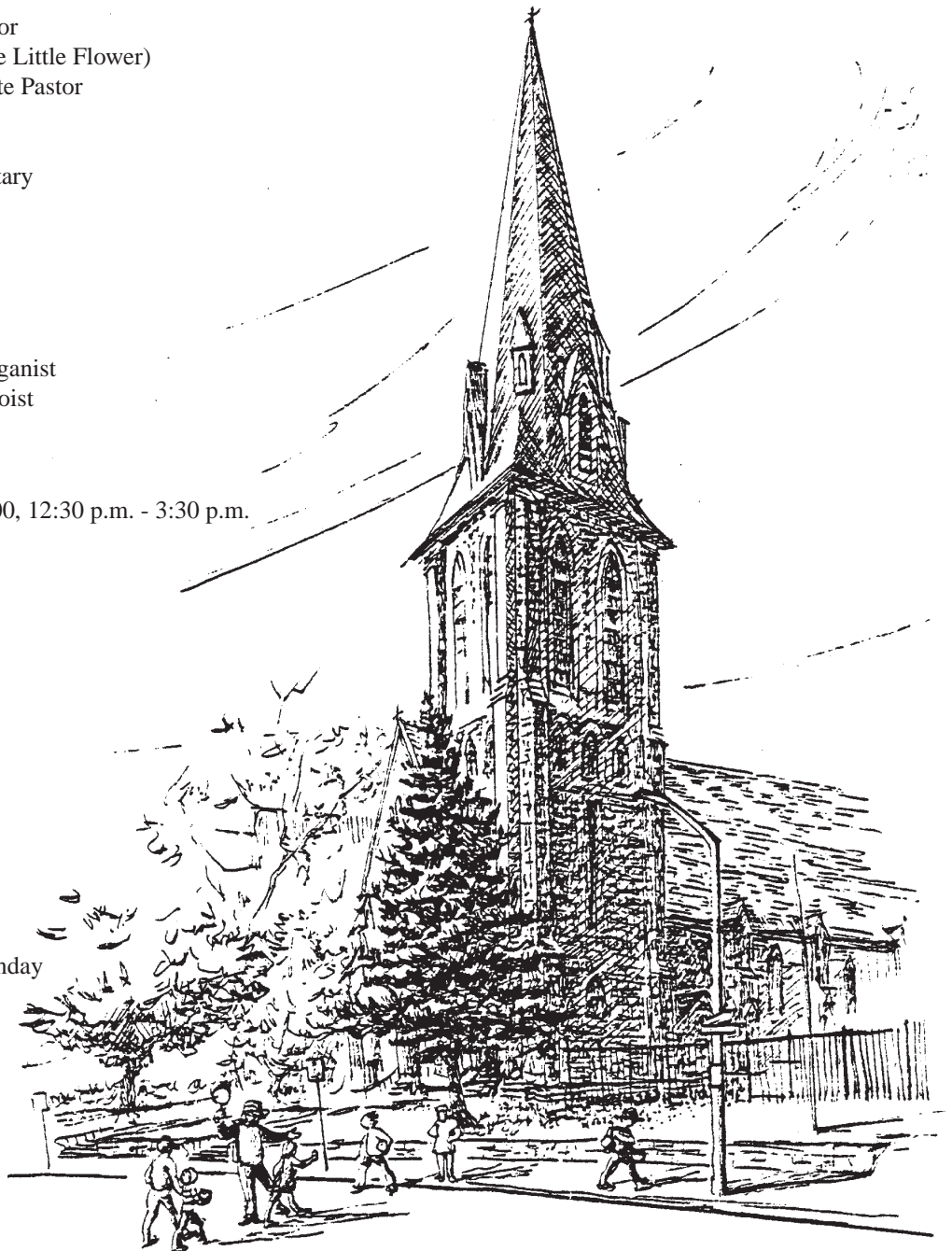
## Schools

St. Patrick School 905-354-6631  
St. Mary School 905-354-7744

**Diocese of St. Catharines (est. 1958)**  
Most Rev. Gerard Bergie, D.D., Bishop

Parish Established 1858  
Church Dedicated 1895

**New Parishioners are asked to complete a parish registration form.**



# FIFTEENTH & SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



## Saturday, July 15 St Bonaventure

5:00 Anita & Roger Archambault req. by Jeanne Lea & Family  
Gregory Ogilvie req. by Ashley & Rico Menechella & Ogilvie Families

## Sunday, July 16 The Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel

8:00 People of the Parish  
9:30 Fred Girardo Jr. req. by the Family  
Mark Stewart req. by Mom & Dad  
11:30 Bruna & Angelo Panucci req. by her Family  
Jerry & Lia Nieuwesteeg req. by the Family

## Monday, July 17

8:00 Mario & Linda Cardinal req. by Vicky, Jackie & Families  
Josephine Paonessa req. by the Family

## Tuesday, July 18

8:00 John Corfield req. by his Wife: Alice Corfield & Family  
Rita Downes req. by Kathy & Rick Woram

## Wednesday, July 19

8:00 Barbara Rondinelli req. by Jim & Dora & Family  
Oscar & Mercedes Bonaguro req. by the Family

## Thursday, July 20 St Apollinaris

8:00 Fred Persia req. by Anna Bortolin & Family

## Friday, July 21 St Lawrence of Brindisi

8:00 John F. & Glenn Power req. by Mary Power

## Saturday, July 22 St Mary Magdalene

5:00 Mary Lou Quaranta req. by Rachel Marcon  
Fred Persia req. by John & Helen Olsiak

## Sunday, July 23 World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

8:00 Bruno Pietrobon req. by the Family  
Francis & Pat Patterson  
9:30 Mark Stewart req. by Mom & Dad  
Luigi Marcon & Antonia & Giuseppe Lazzarin req. by Louise Marcon  
11:30 People of the Parish

## Monday, July 24 St Sharbel Makhlūf

8:00 Mary Lawrence req. by the Family

## Tuesday, July 25 St James

8:00 Tracy Mangan req. by Belle Liberty

## Wednesday, July 26 St Anne & St Joachim

8:00 Fred Persia req. by Stu & Mary Lou Gallardi

## Thursday, July 27

8:00 Josephine & Gerard Power req. by the Family

## Friday, July 28

8:00 Peace in the Holy Land

## Saturday, July 29 Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus

5:00 Fr. Tony & Fr. Jordan req. by Ethel O'Brien  
Iskender Tokuc req. by Friends

## Sunday, July 30

8:00 People of the Parish  
9:30 Clemente Della Marca req. by the Family  
Dec'd mem of the Besaw & O'Leary Families req. by the Family  
11:30 Margherita Colangelo req. by Rachel Marcon  
Dec'd mem of the Reyes & Eroles Families req. by Jeanne & Patrick Eroles & Family

**CWL News...** Everyone is welcome ... July & August we will be praying the Rosary on Wednesday evenings at 7pm ... Fairview Cemetery, entrance off Stanley Avenue. There is a nice green patch we use!! Bring your Rosaries and a chair and join us!! Hope to see you there!!

### Weekday Rosary

Every morning at 7:30, the Holy Rosary is prayed in St. Patrick Church.  
**Keep Mary in mind, and Jesus will grow in your heart!**



Please continue to bring food items to Mass for Project Share! Every item helps!  
*"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"*

Check out our website: <http://www.stpatricknf.ca>

Rest in Peace... We pray for the souls of Rita Downes and Pat Hudson. May they rest in peace. Please remember their families in your prayers.

### Please pray for those who are ill

Mary Power, Sherry Wales, Michelle Camillo, Karyn McEvoy, Pamela Jones, Maureen Young, Maureen Tustin, Maureen Watson, Tony Laslo, Michael DelGrande, Mary F Hanlon, Leila Khan, David Gallina, Andrew Zacharuk, Patrick Macri, Alba Rondinelli, John Pritty, Nancy Waters, Natalie Speth, Cecilia Shugg, Jeanne S, John & Laura Giampa, Christine Pritty, Antoinette Vescio, Charlene Shannon, Sandra DeFoe, Ron O'Neill, Missy Bilotta, Mary Lou Gallardi, Flori Heimbigner, Toni Brideau, Anna Hunt, Robert Morningstar, Leon French, Isabell Frost, Leroy Collee, Elaine Pampena, Rita Ross, Teresa Calzonetti Spiller, Tony Cuvillo, Jim & Betty Calzonetti, Eric Van Noort, Marcellina Mativo, William JA DeFoe, Sr. Carol Forhan CPPS, Judy, D.D., Estelle Critelli, Betty Crete, Bernadette Moore, Andrea Fisher, Sister Prem, Joe Young, Kelsey Liles, Julian Cassidy, Kelly Laslo, Mahmat, Jeannette Fabian, Teresa Hebb, Rose MacDonald, Edward Brzozowski, Lori Ann Pizzolato, Pat DiLorenzo Jr., JoAnne Biamonte Ely, Karen Bradley, Corinne Journeau, Tom Hilton, Carmine Astorino, Bob Marshall, Arlene Collee, Betty & Mary Ann Quigley, Danielle Barranca, Nancy Weiss, Brian Smith, Gregory Roulston, Cameron Boyes, Samuel Potapczyk, Kerrie Szuch, Norma Zanus, John Nicks, Pasquale Abrunzo, John Calder, Todd Reid, Anna Chayer, Patricia Williams, Nancy Praakel, Jeanne Lea, Rebecca Evans, Nancy Huber, Denise Colalillo, John Cox, Francesco Albanese, Margaret Smith, Nikki Mansfield, Baby Victoria, Carmella Modenti, Donna Bradley, Elizabeth Stachura, Michelle Price, Vito Fuccillo, Bernard Martin, Joyce Weaver, Emmanuel & Aline Chayer, Margaret Waghorn, Vicki Lea-Dawson, Evelyn Rose Baker, Lorraine Spence, Patricia O'Reilly, Gloria Smelko, Conner Hawkswell, Jackie, Fran Smelko, John Smelko, Jozefa Bilski, Mary Jo O'Kell, Robert & Maria Melchiorre, Mary Brennan, Faith Amadio, Cheryl Granton, Alessia Comisso, Trina Washington, Maria Guerin, Jadwiga Wozniak, John O'Leary, Walter Wallace, D.H., Francois Chayer, Julie Nicholson, Patrick McCarthy, Stefanie Borin, Pepper Martin Jr, Cheryl D'Amazio  
*Please help us update our list of those who are homebound, infirm, or hospitalized by calling the parish office.*

### Collections

July 2: \$6,197.00

July 9: \$6,015.00

Many thanks for your generosity!

### Baptism Schedule for 2023

Baptisms will be celebrated in St. Patrick Church at 1:00 PM on: **Sunday July 23, Aug 20, Sept 17, Oct 22 & Nov 26.** A mandatory meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held in the Church on **Tuesday, Jul 11, Aug 8, Sept 5, Oct 10 & Nov 14 at 7:00 pm.**

*Sacrament of Baptism... Congratulations on the birth of your child! If you wish to have your child baptized, please register in the parish (if you haven't already done so). One of the parents must come into the parish office, meet with the pastor or his designate, so we can complete the proper forms, and gather the necessary information. We encourage parents and Godparents to make an effort to attend liturgies in the parish community. We also have a mandatory evening of preparation for parents and Godparents!*

### Little Flower Society Cards



St. Patrick Parish Office has Mass Cards in stock from the Carmelite's Little Flower Society? We have Healing Mass Cards, Living Intentions, Five-Year Memorial Cards, and also Perpetual Memorial Cards. By using those cards, you not only comfort a family member or friend, but you also support the mission of the Carmelites, our Carmelite Vocation Efforts, and our Carmelite Formation Programs in several countries.

### Church Roof

We are still waiting for the Roofing Company to do the necessary repairs to the church roof. This delay is very frustrating. Our hands are tied, as there are so few companies who work with slates. It will be great to get it done before the winter. Meanwhile, we are doing some wood repairs, and painting around the exterior of the parish hall and at the side and back of the rectory. One project at a time.



Until Labour Day, our parish bulletin will be published every other Sunday!

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> is the Solemnity of Our Lady of Mount Carmel.



This weekend we are celebrating all Masses in honour of Mary, patroness of our Carmelite Order. As you know, we were founded on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land in the late 12<sup>th</sup> Century. Our first hermits on Mount Carmel built a chapel in the midst of their cells. This was the centre of their lives where they gathered each day to celebrate Mass. They

dedicated this little chapel to *Our Lady of the Place*. The first group of Carmelites took Mary as their patroness, promising her their faithful service and expecting her protection and favour. They were proud to bear the title of *Brothers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mount Carmel*. For us Carmelites, Mary is a constant presence in our lives, guiding us and protecting us as we seek to follow Christ. We Carmelites have been serving in St. Patrick Parish since 1875! 148 years! May we do our best to live as authentic disciples, like **Mary**. May we seek to live in spiritual intimacy with Mary so that we can learn from her how to live as God's children. May God bless you and Mary keep you!

Fr. Marc B. Bell, O. Carm.

And on the topic of Carmelites, it is with sadness that we announce that Fr. Marc will be taking up a new assignment this coming September. This was announced to our Carmelites in May. Fr. Marc has been our Associate Pastor since his ordination in June 2015. It was a blessing that he was able to be here as our associate, and also to be a huge support for his mother in the last few years. Fr. Marc is being assigned to assist in our Provincial Archives in Darien, IL. If his Visa arrangements work out, he will be leaving for Darien in early September, or shortly thereafter. We will be celebrating a farewell Mass and a reception in the parish hall at the end of August- early September. We will keep you posted. We do have a Carmelite from Mississauga who will assist us when needed, and we will continue to get some assistance from Mount Carmel and from the Precious Blood Fathers. It is hoped that another Carmelite will arrive as Associate Pastor in February, 2024. We keep Fr. Marc in prayer during this time of transition.

16th Sunday [Matthew 13: 24-43] July 23, 2023

This Sunday we have the *Parable of the Weeds and the Wheat*. A farmer sowed his seed, and an enemy came during the night and sowed darnel weeds among the wheat! The farmer had to wait until harvest time to separate them. Why? Darnel looks like wheat, even having a similar head, impossible to distinguish. Why would Jesus tell this parable? I'm sure the early Christians asked the same questions as us! **Why does good and evil exist side by side? Why is there evil in the world!** It's scary to see the things that happen in our world, even in our own country. God is more than aware of the evil. As one scholar said, *"Evil is the price of freedom. If we didn't have the ability to choose between good and evil, we wouldn't be free. The choice of evil affects all people, but it is the price of having the ability to choose good."* The farmer does not refuse to plant, because he might find weeds among the wheat. He plants knowing that the result might not be perfect, but there will be wheat. It's up to us to put good out there, not to add to the evil; to plant good seeds, and to do our part to make the Kingdom of God more of a reality in our day! We are called to till the soil of the Lord, to bring forth good fruit. We can't allow evil to exist when we encounter it. Happy weeding!



JEWISH ORIGINS OF THE "AVE MARIA."

### Prayer to Our Lady of Mount Carmel

O beautiful Flower of Carmel, most fruitful vine, Splendor of Heaven, holy and singular, who brought forth the Son of God, still ever remaining a Pure Virgin, assist me in this necessity. O Star of the sea, help and protect me!

Show me that You are my Mother.

O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee!

### Thursday, July 20th - Solemnity of the Prophet Elijah



The prophet Elijah appears in Scripture as a man of God who lived in God's presence and fought zealously for the worship of the one true God. He defended God's law in the solemn contest on Mount Carmel, and afterwards was given on Mount Horeb, an intimate experience of the living God. The inspiration that was found in him from the very beginnings of the Carmelite Order, so pervades its whole

history, that the prophet may deservedly be called the founder of the Carmelite ideal... the Father of our Order.

### Smile for the Week

Are you wrinkled with burden? Come to God for a faith lift.

### Project Share

In speaking with Project Share workers this week, I learned that they are struggling with getting enough food donations. The demand is up and their donations are down. And we all know what the price of food is like! Thankfully, St. Patrick Parish has always been very generous with food donations since we placed the bins in the church in 2003. Project Share has expressed their gratitude to us numerous times. If every parishioner brought one item of food each Sunday, we could fill our bins twice as fast! Pasta, soups, tomato sauce, canned tuna, peanut butter, cereals, canned meats, ketchup, canned fruit, juices.

"Lord, when did we see you hungry?"

### 2023 Church Envelopes

Please make sure you pick up your Offertory Envelopes. They are at the back of the Church on the Radiator. Call the Office (905-354-7451) to arrange for pick up during the week. Many thanks.

*Please do not leave the Church Bulletins in the pews. If you do not wish to take it home, please return it to one of the tables at the doors of the Church. Thanks*

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